

Case 6887

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**  
**BEFORE THE BOARD OF APPEALS AND INTERFERENCES**

In re Application of : Appeal No. 2005-0289  
Britta Daume : Attention: Craig Feinberg  
Serial No. 09/491,841 : Via Facsimile: (5/1) 273-0299  
Filed: August 23, 1999 :  
For: A DEVICE FOR CONTACTING IN :  
PARTICULAR ELONGATED, :  
ILLUSTRATIVELY SUBSTANTIALLY: :  
CYLINDRICAL BODIES SUCH AS :  
CABLES OR PIPES/TUBES :  
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**REQUEST FOR POSTPONEMENT OF HEARING**

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Dear Sir:

A Notice of Hearing mailed February 25, 2005 has been received in connection with the above appeal.

Appellant requests a postponement of the hearing date presently set for April 7, 2005 and rescheduling of the hearing date for the following reasons.

Counsel for appellant is presently involved in a separate appeal before the United States Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit. A hearing date in connection with that appeal

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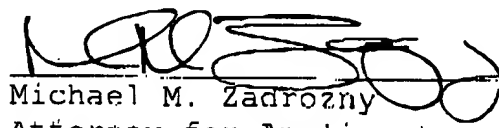
conflicts with the hearing date set in this appeal. Counsel for appellant has handled the appeal in connection with this application since the outset and is the only attorney completely familiar with the facts and issues surrounding this appeal.

It is believed the above constitutes good cause and rescheduling of the hearing date is in order. This matter was discussed with Mr. Feinberg via telephone on March 10, 2005.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

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